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Hiroshi SEKINE : Confirmation No.: 3034
: Examiner: Gregory John BINDA
Serial No.: 10/002,012 : Group Art Unit: 3679
Filed: December 5, 2001 :
For: CROSS JOINT :
McLean, Virginia
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official
Action dated April 13, 2004, directed to the above-
identified application. Please amend the application as
indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the
listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTSBox Patent Application
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

CROSS JOINT

and invented by:

Hiroshi SEKINEIf a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____

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Enclosed are:

Application Elements

1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 29 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
 - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
- a. ☒ Formal Number of Sheets 10 (Figs. 1-14B)
- b. ☐ Informal Number of Sheets _____
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed *(original or copy)* ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
- c. ☐ With Power of Attorney ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under
Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby
incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche *(Appendix)*
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all must be included)*
- a. ☐ Paper Copy
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- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

8. ☐ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & document(s))*
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
10. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
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15. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)* Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of Japanese Appln Nos. 2000-371934 filed 12/06/00; 2001-219935 filed 07/19/01; 2001-313941 & 2001-313945 both filed 10/11/01 (certified copies attached).

16. ☐ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below)*:

Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)

17. ☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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18. ASSIGNEE INFORMATION

Assignee: NSK Ltd.

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BASIC FEE					\$740.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose) _____					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$740.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 50-1165 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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- ☐ Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).


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